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Victims

By Recruit West

In every situation that a police officer responds to, there are numerous individuals involved. Although the suspect is commonly associated with police con-



tacts, there are other people involved in cases that are very important. These people are the victims of the crimes.

On Monday, the recruits learned just how important it is to be able to talk to and work with victims. Sergeant Anibas, from the Eau Claire

Police Department, went into great detail on how we, as future officers, should treat and talk to victims. She explained that there is a need to reassure and guarantee the victim's safety. An officer must show genuine concern and present a comfortable environment for the victim. It is also very important for an officer to explain all questions and issues in simple terms.

After a couple of hours of classroom work,

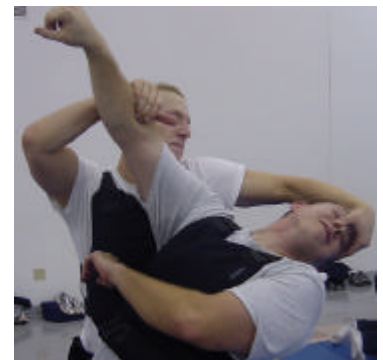


it was time to apply what the recruits had learned. In groups of two, the recruits were set into scenarios where they had to speak with victims in different situations. One group was forced to deal with a death scene, while another group had to deal with a victim with amnesia. Despite the circumstances, the recruits were able to apply the crucial information they had learned about dealing with victims.

Picture Of The Week

Photograph by Recruit Dillhoff

Recruit Drobnick performs a nose manipulation technique on Recruit Glejf during Police Corps Arrest and Control.



Domestic Violence

By Recruit McNally

On Tuesday, the recruit class learned about domestic violence, taught by one of Eau Claire's finest officers, Sergeant Judy Anibas. They learned that domestic violence is a coercive behavior designed to exert power and control over a person in an



intimate relationship through the use of intimidating, threatening, harass-

ing, or harmful behavior. The recruits' eyes were opened to truthful, yet disturbing facts. Did you know that a woman in the United States is battered every fifteen seconds? Domestic violence is a pattern of abuse, not a one-time incident. An F.B.I. statistic states that, on average, a person has been abused thirty-three times before calling law enforcement. The block of instruction also covered the myths and stereotypes of domestic violence.

On Wednesday, Lori Fetting and Carin White, from the Monroe County Domestic Abuse Project and Sexual Assault Services, accompanied Sergeant Anibas in instructing the recruits. They emphasized victims' feelings after being abused. The recruits

viewed educational videos of victims who have survived domestic abuse, which really put things into



perspective. A primary part of police work is helping out victims of domestic violence and returning them to a peaceful state of mind.

Preliminary Investigation/Scene Management

By Recruit Meyer

On Thursday and Friday, the recruits participated in a total of sixteen hours of instruction on scene management and preliminary investigation. Sergeant Page, of the Eau



Claire Police Department, taught the class the basics of scene management and how to be an incident commander. The class started with Sergeant Page

discussing the parameters of scene management. He informed the class that police officers are not merely information takers, but also trained investigators. They must take every investigation they are involved with seriously. Sergeant Page then told the class the definition of a criminal investigation and explained the goals of an investigation. The class ended on Thursday with instruction on how to protect a crime scene and deal with the media at a crime scene.

On Friday, the class started with learning how and why to establish a log sheet at a crime scene and how to make a personal major case folder. The rest of the class time on Friday was devoted to performing a tabletop exercise on incident command. The tabletop exercise consisted of a map of Eau Claire where there were game pieces that represented police offi-

cers, ambulances, fire trucks, etc. Sergeant Page then threw in different scenarios where the recruits had to decide where and when to put the pieces on the map. Each recruit had about ten minutes where they were in charge of incidents that occurred during the exercise. After a recruit's time was up, another recruit took over incident command. The exercise provided an excellent opportunity to learn how difficult being an incident commander can be in stressful and hectic situations.

